

SONG OF SOLOMON

TRUE LOVE IN MARRIAGE

THE NAME

AUTHOR: Solomon (Sgs 1:1).

- * Solomon was the author of 1,005 songs (1 Kings 4:32),
- * But we have only one (Song of Songs);
- * As the name would indicate, it is the best.

KEY WORDS:

- * “Beloved,” the name for Him;
- * “love,” the name for her.

KEY VERSES:

- * “I am my beloved’s, and my beloved is mine; he feedeth among the lilies.” (Sgs 6:3)
- * “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If a man would give all the substance of his house for love, he would utterly be rejected.” (Sgs 8:7)

INTERPRETATIONS

- * The Song of Solomon is a parabolic poem.
- * The Jews called it the Holy of Holies of Scripture.
- * Jews would not permit their young men to read it until they were thirty years old.

There have been four different and important meanings found in this book:

1. It sets forth the glory of wedded love:

- * It declares the sacredness of marital relationship and that marriage is a divine institution.
- * The Jews taught that it sets forth the heart of a satisfied husband and a devoted wife.

2. It sets forth the love of Jehovah for Israel.

The prophets spoke of Israel as the wife of Jehovah.

3. It is a picture of Christ and the church.

The church is the bride of Christ, a familiar figure of Scripture ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:27](#); [Revelation 21](#)).

4. It depicts the communion of Christ and the individual believer.

The soul's communion with Christ is here set forth.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BOOK

Song of Solomon chapter 1

- * Song 1:1-4 - The church's love unto Christ.
- * Song 1:5-6 - She confesses her deformity,
- * Song 1:7 - and prays to be directed to his flock.
- * Song 1:8 - Christ directs her to the shepherd's tents;
- * Song 1:9-10 - and shewing his love to her,
- * Song 1:11 - gives her gracious promises.
- * Song 1:12-17 - The church and Christ congratulate one another.

Song of Solomon chapter 2

- * Song 2:1-7 - The mutual love of Christ and his church.
- * Song 2:8-9 - The hope,
- * Song 2:10-13 - and calling of the church.
- * Song 2:14-15 - Christ's care of the church.
- * Song 2:16-17 - The profession of the church, her faith, and hope.

Song of Solomon chapter 3

- * Song 3:1-5 - The church's fight and victory in temptation.
- * Song 3:6-11 - The church glories in Christ.

Song of Solomon chapter 4

- * Song 4:1-7 - Christ sets forth the graces of the church.
- * Song 4:8-15 - He shews his love to her.
- * Song 4:16 - The church prays to be made fit for his presence.

Song of Solomon chapter 5

- * Song 5:1 - Christ awakes the church with his calling.
- * Song 5:2-8 - The church having a taste of Christ's love, is sick of love.
- * Song 5:9-16 - A description of Christ by his graces.

Song of Solomon chapter 6

- * Song 6:1-3 - The church professes her faith in Christ.
- * Song 6:4-9 - Christ shews the graces of the church;
- * Song 6:10-13 - and his love towards her.

Song of Solomon chapter 7

- * Song 7:1-9 - A further description of the church's graces.
- * Song 7:10-13 - The church professes her faith and desire.

Song of Solomon chapter 8

- * Song 8:1-5 - The love of the church to Christ.
- * Song 8:6-7 - The vehemency of love.
- * Song 8:8-13 - The calling of the Gentiles.
- * Song 8:14 - The church prays for Christ's coming.